5th February 1934]

APPENDIX V.

[Vide answer to question No. 642 asked by S. M. K. Beyabani Sahib Bahadur at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 5th February 1934, page 462 supra.]

To

HIS EXCELLENCY LIEUT.-COL. THE RT. HON'BLE
SIR GEORGE STANLEY, P.C., G.C.I.E., C.M.G.,
Governor of Madras.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

[Communal disturbances at Nandyal.]

MOST HONOURED SIR,

We, the poor and helpless Muslims of Nandyal (Kurnool district), beg to submit the following few lines for Your Excellency's kind and sympathetic consideration.

We had submitted last year our humble petition of the dishonourable, illegal and ferocious atrocities committed on the Dasara festival day, 1932, in supporting the Hindus by the then district authorities on the poor Muslims of this place to Your Excellency, to the hon. Home Member, to the District Magistrate, Kurnool, and other executive administration authorities. Conjecturing the same atrocities this year also on 28th September 1933, the last day of the Dasara festival, we informed all the executive authorities to consider the difficulties which the poor Muslims of this place will be put to, in taking the Hindu procession by the mosque in dispute with the Government support.

Though we said that we are going to the Sessions Court for appeal, our District Magistrate in co-operation with the District Superintendent of Police, Assistant Superintendent of Police and the Sub-Magistrate without paying any attention to our request, honour and dignity, treated us very cruelly and inhumanly on the above date by serving warrants on some respectable gentlemen, putting few in jails like criminals, dishonouring the purdah of the Muhammadan females and prohibiting them from going for their calls of nature by placing police on the roofs of the Muhammadan houses, and by stopping Muslims from going out for the necessary purchases and "Zoher" (afternoon) and "Asar" (evening) prayers.

Three or four days prior to the festival day, when a few Muhammadan gentlemen went to the District Superintendent of Police to inform him about the forthcoming danger, the Assistant Superintendent of Police rebuked them by asking them to get out of Nandyal that day if they are so particular about their honour.

We beg to pray Your Excellency that our grievances be redressed by taking the necessary action and by saving us from such dishonourable treatment henceforward.

For which act of kindness and generosity we shall feel ever grateful.

We beg to remain,
Most Honoured Sir,
We, the Muslims of Nandyal,
M. Gousmiah and 119 others.

NANDYAL,
Dated October 1933.